

**SUMMARY OF MEETING
KENDALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL 12
Non-Zoning Special Meeting
Kendall Branch Library 9101 SW 97 Avenue
April 13, 2005 6:30 p.m.**

Council Members Present

Jose I. Valdes, Chair
Millie Herrera, Vice Chair
Peggy Brodeur
Carla Savola
Nelson A. Varona

Council Members Absent

Jacqueline Hernandez-Torano
Robert W. Wilcosky

Miami-Dade Team Metro Staff Present

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Executive Secretary
Suzel Cuellar, Executive Planner

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Valdes called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Minnis called roll and all members were present with excused absence by Council members Hernandez-Torano and Wilcosky.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda of March 16, 2005 was forwarded by Council member Herrera and seconded by Council member Brodeur. The agenda was approved by a vote of 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2005

Chair Valdes and members of the Council requested on the following revisions to the minutes: insert and "r" to Vice-Chair's last name; on budget priority #6, a motion was brought forth to approve this priority by Council member Savola and seconded by Council member Varona. The vote was 7-0; and under the Ocean Bank traffic concerns, the attorney's name to Juan Mayol. On the budget priorities resolution priority #1, change the wording in the resolution to state "consist" instead of consisting. A motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2005, with revisions, was forwarded by Council member Herrera and seconded by Council member Brodeur. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Regional Coordinator, Team Metro Kendall, provided an update on the request for enforcement at the Radisson Hotel as to their failure to comply with the conditions of their resolution concerning landscaping. At this time, they are not in compliance, and the case is still pending with Team Metro. They are presently appealing the citation. They do have permits for the signage that currently exists; however, they were recently issued a second citation for flags that were being displayed illegally. A companion citation was issued to the Codina Group. To date, no payment or an appeal for that particular citation has been received by the Radisson. The case was received by Team Metro Kendall in July 2004. No representatives from the Radisson were present. Chair Valdes requested that a representative of the Radisson Hotel be present at the next meeting and that an enforcement history and all resolutions drafted on this issue be included in the meeting packets. In conclusion, Ms. Minnis presented Council member Savola with a plaque in appreciation for her contribution and support of Team Metro's 7th Annual Neighborhood P.R.I.D.E Week events.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Valdes reported on the article written by Chris Mazzella Inspector General, regarding the existence of Community Councils and their responsibilities. The article was critical on issues such as attendance records, meeting locations, and the Council's overall purpose. The attendance records reflect attendance by the Council members for zoning meetings as 87 % for 2001, 81% for 2002 and 89 % for 2003. For non-zoning meetings, the records reflect 76% for 2001, 74 % for 2002 and 77 % for 2003. The Council with the most percentage in attendance for both non-zoning and zoning meetings is Community Council 11. The requirements for attendance are no more than two consecutive unexcused absences in one year or three unexcused absences in total over a one year period. As per the ordinance, a Council member may be removed if these attendance requirements are not met. If a member is appointed, the appointing commissioner must make the removal. If the member was elected, a civil proceeding must be filed in the courts or the constituents can choose not to re-elect the member. The Inspector General's office information was provided to the public to submit letters opposing this report and in support of Community Councils: Chris Mazzella, 19 W. Flagler Street, Suite 220, Miami, FL 33130; 305-375-1946; fax. 305-579-2656 and www.miamidadeig.org. A resolution will be brought forth at the next scheduled meeting to be voted upon and then submitted at the next Chair's Quarterly meeting scheduled in June. Council member Savola presented copies of the Inspector General's report. Chair Valdes requested copies of the Herald article at the May meeting.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SNAPPER CREEK PARK GENERAL PLAN (second viewing)

The purpose of the resolution is to recommend the adoption of the Snapper Creek Park General Plan on limiting parking opportunities, within the park area as presented in the site plan prepared by Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation Department, and that the Public Works Department install no parking signs. Executive Secretary Minnis, provided a report on various concerns brought forth at the last Council meeting by citizens. Those issues such as designating the park a "passive" park and illegal use of the park by organized groups were addressed by George Parrado, Region 4 Manager, who submitted a report to Ms. Minnis. Those citizens were not in attendance, but will be contacted with the updated information. Chair Valdes requested that the Council members approve resolution CC12-01-05 recommending the adoption of the Snapper Creek Park General Plan. The motion to adopt was brought forth by Council member Herrera and seconded by Council member Brodeur. The vote was 5-0.

DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE OF AN AQUATICS FACILITY IN INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK

Vice Chair Herrera conducted a presentation on the proposed improvements to Indian Hammocks Park an which include additional lighting, a community center, an administrative office building, senior center, an aquatics facility, and to extend hours of the park until 11 p.m. Council member Herrera met with Park Directors regarding the improvements, including an aquatics facility, to be included in the County's Obligation Bond and requested the removal of "the 5,000 square-feet" as stated in the budget priorities resolution (CC12-04-05). The Council requested to have a representative from Parks and Recreation, as well as Mr. Roger Hernstadt from the Office of Capital Improvements present at the May Council meeting. Priority #3 in the budget priorities resolution was amended to reflect a more detailed request for a community complex at Indian Hammocks Park.

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 05-06

The resolution advises the Mayor, County Manager and Board of County Commissioners of the Council's recommended budget priorities for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2005. Chair Valdes requested that the Council members approve resolution CC12-04-05 amending Priority #1 as previously stated and amending Priority #3 to state "Fund the design and construction of a community, activity, meeting, cultural complex center at Indian Hammocks Park with the addition of an aquatics facility conducive to the use by children and adults." The motion to adopt the resolution was brought forth by Council member Brodeur and seconded by Council member Savola. The vote was 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO SPONSOR A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LEON CRISTIANO

The resolution request the Mayor, County Manager and Board of County Commissioner sponsor a proclamation recognizing Leon Cristiano for his years of service as Executive Secretary to the Council. Chair Valdes requested that the Council members approve resolution CC12-05-05. The motion to adopt the resolution was brought forth by Council member Brodeur and seconded by Council member Savola. The vote was 5-0.

TEAM METRO OFFICE COMPARISON REPORT

Executive Secretary Minnis of Team Metro Kendall, presented a report on a comparison between the Kendall Office and the Team Metro Tamiami Office (located at 1409 SW 107 Avenue), as requested by the Council. The Kendall Office covers Commission Districts 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Each Council member was provided with a copy of the report which indicates the UMSA population per Neighborhood Compliance Officer. There is an increase in the population/officer ratio. At the present time, it has decreased due to incorporation of areas within Miami-Dade County. Additionally, the report listed the top five (5) code violations by Commission District as per fiscal year 2003-2005 and 2004-2005.

Each Team Metro Office is composed of the following divisions: the Outreach Division serves the community through direct sales of passports, baby stroller parking permits, transit passes, as well as, participate in community meetings and events. The Enforcement Division serves the community through the enforcement of County ordinances and violations through the issuing of citations and obtaining compliance. Neighborhood Code Enforcement Officers are hired based on need.

Presently, the Kendall office has a total of 8 officers, while the Tamiami Office has 10 officers. The Tamiami office covers from NW 12 Street North, SW 88 Street West, Florida Turnpike West and SW 37 Avenue East. The Kendall Office covers from SW 88 Street (South) to SW 184 Street (North) and west of US 1 and west to Krome Avenue. The office boundaries are determined based on Commission District boundaries. Ms. Minnis explained to the Council the creation of the 311 Answer Center and its future advancements. All Council members were invited to spend a day with the offices.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION-SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CORRIDOR ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This item will be deferred to a future meeting.

GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES APPLICATION PRESENTATION-EXPANSION OF JACKSON SOUTH COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

This item will be deferred to the next scheduled Council meeting.

URBAN ENVIRONMENT LEAGUE OF GREATER MIAMI “HOLD THE LINE” CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION

Mr. Gilberto Osorio, Program Director for the Urban League of Greater Miami “Hold the Line” campaign conducted a presentation on the proposed expansion of the Urban Development Boundary (UDB). The UDB was adopted by County ordinance, over 10 years ago, to concentrate development within existing service areas, provide infrastructure and protect natural resources, e.g. Biscayne Bay and the Florida Everglades. The UDB is a ragged line along the western and southern fringes of the county intended as a buffer between the Everglades and insidious sprawl of housing developments. Only one house can be built for every five acres outside the UDB. Major developers and speculators have purchased land outside the UDB and started to plan large-scale developments in anticipation that the County Commission moves the UDB line.

There is a proposal for annexation by Florida City of several thousand acres at the intersection of US 1 and Card Sound Road and the movement of the UDB line. The impacts of poorly planned and inappropriately placed developments may harm the quality of life for Miami-Dade citizens, see page 2 of the minutes. The Urban Environment League of Greater Miami is working to build a coalition of civic organizations determined to support better choices for residents. Mr. Osorio stated that Miami-Dade County decision-makers must “Hold the Line” that separates urban areas from environmental and agriculture lands. Governor Bush, 7 municipalities and 49 organizations have endorsed the campaign. Vice Chair Herrera made a motion to draft a resolution denying the annexation by Florida City of several thousand acres at the intersection of US 1 and Card Sound Road, and the UDB movement. The motion to adopt a resolution was brought forth by Vice Chair Herrera and seconded by Council member Brodeur. The vote was 4-0.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2005

Following discussion, the Council agreed on the following items for the May 11, 2005 meeting: (1) Discussion of a Traffic Study/Charette near Baptist Hospital; (2) Discussion on the “Hold the Line” campaign; (3) Resolution recommending denial of the annexation by Florida City and the Urban Development Boundary Line movement; (4) Discussion on the Radisson Hotel Landscaping issue; (5) South Miami-Dade Watershed Study and Plan Presentation; (6) Discussion on the issues of an aquatics facility in Indian Hammocks Park; (7) Discussion on the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority Workplan, Outreach and Upcoming Toll Increases; (8) Governmental Facilities Application Presentation; and (9) Resolution opposing the Inspector General’s Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Council members thanked Executive Secretary Minnis, Planner Cuellar and Kendall office staff for their work and assistance to the Council. There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Executive Secretary